

PEAK OF IDLENESS HAS PASSED HERE

Unemployment Among Factory Hands Has Decreased Third in Three Months.

INDUSTRIES ENLARGING

Brighter Outlook All Along Line Reported to Merchants' Association.

The peak of unemployment in New York city has been passed, according to reports made late in March to the industrial bureau of the Merchants Association. The bureau believes the number of the jobless among factory operatives has decreased about one-third in the last three months and that the total number employed is now more than 600,000, as against 512,000 on January 1, 1921, and 755,000 on January 1, 1920.

Some of the city's leading industries have appreciably enlarged their operations, the Merchants Association says. Those which have definitely advanced since January 1 are lumber, woodworking, higher grades of furniture, machinery, automobile accessories, metal stamping and certain metal specialties, furs, textiles, shoes, food products, confectionery, cigarettes, smoking tobacco and chemicals and allied products. In some cases, as in the fur industry and needles trades, the increase is seasonal.

Industries which have suffered declines include jewelry, shipbuilding, cigars, printing and paper, iron foundries and forge shops. Leather, tanning and manufacturing, and the piano industry have seen little change since New Year's.

In the textile industry, the manufacture of men's shirts has picked up remarkably, the unions having accepted a reduction of wages, so that 95 per cent. of the workers are employed, whereas on January 1 virtually nobody was working. Men's and boys' clothing is still tied up by a strike. There is improvement in the situation as regards women's wear, and it is predicted the fall season will be normal. But cloak and suit retailers are demanding goods at prices which the wholesalers say they can't meet with present labor costs.

In the leather market prices of hides have gone steadily downward until they are now below pre-war levels, and even so the demand is dull, except for calf skins. The reason for the exception is the doubled production of specialty shoes in the last few months.

MADRID BUTCHERS STRIKE.

MADRID, April 2.—The cattle slaughterers and butchers of Madrid threatened to leave the capital without meat to-day because the municipality raised the local tax from four to ten pesetas a head for cattle slaughtered, which they refused to pay. Only two beasts were killed to-day.

WESTCHESTER MAYORS ACT TO SETTLE STRIKE

Seek Truce Between Contractors and Builders' Unions.

Announcement was made last night that Mayor Kincaid of Mount Vernon, Mayor Weeks of White Plains, Mayor Scott of New Rochelle and Mayor Wallin of Yonkers will meet Wednesday to attempt a settlement between about 6,000 strikers and the Westchester county building contractors.

The union men have declined to accept \$1 a day reduction. If the mayors fail to bring about a settlement a board of arbitrators will be asked to intervene.

It was reported yesterday that carpenters in Mount Pleasant, Tarrytown and Peekskill have accepted lower wages and that some plumbers virtually have agreed to break away from the union.

LABOR BOARD TO DECIDE.

N. Y. Central Will Submit Question of Reducing Signal Men.

The New York Central Railroad has agreed to submit to the Railroad Labor Board, sitting in Chicago, the question of a reduction in the wages of its signal men. A cut of 20 per cent., effective April 15, had been proposed, but the New York Central's officers, meeting representatives of the signal men's brotherhood on Friday, decided to do no lowering pending a decision from the Federal board.

F. L. Kramlich, grand executive board member of the brotherhood, said yesterday he believed other roads would follow suit and that the agreement would eventually affect 15,000 members of the union. In his talk with the New York Central officers Kramlich contended that the cost of living had not gone down materially since wages were last raised.

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